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## SUBMISSION OF REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.114

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Sir:

This reply is being filed in conjunction with a request for continued examination. The time period for response has been extended to January 15, 2004 by the accompanying petition for extension of time.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.